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1. According to North Korean field grade officers in Namchon, the Soviets agreed to supply the North Korean Army with all necessary arms and materiel and the Chinese Communists were to send two million troops to North Korea. As of March, the Soviets had failed to carry out the agreement except for the delivery of a number of fighter planes. When the Chinese Communists requested that the Soviets meet Chinese Communist and North Korean arms requirements, the Soviets replied that they could do so. The Chinese Communists, therefore, are attempting to hold a line at the 39th Parallel until the promised supplies arrive. North Korean troops have an average of one rifle for every three men.

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2. 18 Soviet "Stalin" anti-aircraft guns arrived in Pyongyang from Soviet storage places.

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3. In mid-February, two Soviet officers were working at a North Korean Army field hospital at Namchon (124-58, 38-26).** Soviet officers were assigned duty at the hospital but were actually engaged in command combat operations or as combat advisers to the North Korean troops in area. the Soviets were employing medical cover for Soviet personnel assigned as combat advisers to North Korean and Chinese Communist units. The officers are dressed in uniforms of the appropriate army medical service and two to four officers are assigned to each field hospital.

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 Comment. The coordinates given here refer to the Namdae-ch'on River mouth; the army hospital is probably in one of the Namc'ho settlements near Anak (125-30, 38-30).

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